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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN RESPONSE ON POST-SHIPMENT OF LICENSE
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1. Pursuant to reftel request, Econoff in early and mid-January contacted the Royal Malaysian Police Narcotics Division (RMPND) regarding the 01 November 2006 export of 10 sets of night vision devices (NVDs), specifically the AN/PVS-7B Style Gen III FOM 1250 model goggles. The point of contact listed in reftel -- Mr. KHAIRUL Naim Bin Adham -- was helpful but unable to verify that the goggles were controlled by the RMPND. Khairul several times said that all 10 sets of the goggles were being used by "the special unit", but he was unwilling to indicate whether this is a unit within RMPND. It is possible that Khairul was referring to the intelligence arm of the RMP, known as the RMP Special Branch (RMPSB), although he would not confirm this to Econoff.

2. In addition, and not surprisingly, neither Khairul nor his unnamed supervisor were amenable to a site visit - an office that RMP would be hesitant to show a U.S. Embassy official. Per reftel suggestion and in lieu of a site visit, Econoff asked for a fax to demonstrate RMPND's compliance, or not, that the NVDs were in their possession. Khairul was very amenable to assisting in this manner and did send Econoff a two-page fax, but unfortunately it was only pages from a manual (or webpage) that described NVDs, and not a confirmation (or lack thereof) of RMPND's control of the NVDs.

3. With the goals as specified in reftel, we are unable to attain written or official confirmation regarding RMPND's control of the NVDs. However, for the record, Khairul was helpful and appeared to assist Econoff within the boundaries of his duties.
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